



PROVIDENCE, R. I. May 20, 1908.

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Secretary A. I. A.,

The Octagon, Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

I send you, enclosed, a copy of the memorial to Mr. Nickerson adopted by the Chapter at its meeting on March 26, 1908.

I also enclosed a brief biographical sketch.

I hope these data will not be too late for the Quarterly. Can you still find room for any reports of meetings in this issue?

Yours very truly,

Norman M. Shaw

Secretary R. I. Chapter A.I.A.

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10 Edward Irving Nickerson was born in Pawtucket, in ^{that} ~~that~~ part of the town ~~as it was in those days~~, which was then in Massachusetts, on September 13, 1845. He was ~~the son of Sparrow H. Nickerson and his wife, Elizabeth Darling.~~ He died at his home in Providence on the evening of Sunday, March 15, 1908.

Mr. Nickerson's education was begun in the public schools of Pawtucket and continued in those of Providence until, about 1862, he entered the office of Clifton A. Hall as a student of architecture.

After several years passed here as a student and as an assistant he opened, ~~as a partner of his father's~~ in 1871, an office of his own, in the Atlantic Building, 45 Westminster Street. Here he remained until the ~~building was~~ changes in the building, which was pulled down and rebuilt, forced him to remove to the Exchange Bank Building, on the next ~~corner~~ ^{corner} where he fitted up offices which he occupied till his death.

Among Mr. Nickerson's early ~~various~~ commissions were the Chapel of the Beneficent Congregational Church, ~~located in~~ in Providence, and the Miller Building in Pawtucket. *Among Mr. Nickerson's residences may be mentioned* The greater part of his ~~later he built~~ the Starkweather house at Nayatt, R. I., and the Brownell house on Broadway, in Providence. Then followed the Dr. Carr house, the Wilkinson house, the house for William H. Thurber, ~~all in Providence;~~ ^{all in Providence;} Walter Richmond's house, the Bristol residence for the late Joshua Wilbur, and other ~~residences~~ ^{residences (noteworthy) among which} the house on Brown Street, Providence for Mr. John D. Lewis, ~~is conspicuous~~ ^{noteworthy}.

Mr. Nickerson joined the Institute in 1875, and was one of the founders of the Rhode Island Chapter, organized on November 10th of that year. He took the warmest interest in the work of the Chapter and, ~~was unless a~~ ^{his interest in the Institute from its first year} broad, was almost never absent from ~~at~~ its meetings. Elected Secretary October 4, 1882 his official service was unbroken, ~~save by elections to~~ ^{the Presidency}, till September 25, 1903. Four times during this period he was elected President of the Chapter. Again in 1905 he consented to accept an election as Secretary and served for a year. *His interest in the Institute, too, was unflagging, and he seldom missed a Convention.*

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Mr. Nickerson was fond of books and pictures and possessed a truly remarkable architectural library the result of years of fastidious selection in which he kept in view not only his working needs but the literary and , we may say, the luxurious side of architectural book-buying. It was his wish that this collection , on which he had lavished so much thought and care, should go to the Providence Public Library, and there his daughter, Miss Lyra Brown Nickerson has placed it. It is a fitting memorial of a courteous and refined practitioner whose influence in the community will not soon pass away.

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IN MEMORIAM

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EDWARD IRVING NICKERSON.
F. A. I. A.

In the death of Edward Irving Nickerson the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has lost one of its founders, a loyal member who has taken a prominent part in all its activities. Serving as Secretary for eighteen years and as President for four years, Mr. Nickerson rounded out twenty-two years of official duty, maintaining and upholding a high standard of professional ethics in harmony with that of the national parent body, The American Institute of Architects.

A student of architecture in the office of Clifton A. Hall, the oldest practitioner now living in Rhode Island, Mr. Nickerson practiced independently for thirty-seven years. His clientele was large and his work somewhat varied, dwelling houses enlisting much the larger share of his attention as is shown by the number that remain to testify to his skill.

Possessed of ample means, he was able to indulge his taste for travel. Going abroad many times, visiting Great Britain, all of Continental Europe and Northern Africa, he acquired an intimate knowledge of the characteristics of many lands, and by his genial sociability made himself familiar with people of varied nationalities. The results of these observations he enjoyed imparting to interested listeners.

The members of the Rhode Island Chapter profited by his frequent and graphic descriptions of notable buildings and works of art, and by the opportunity to examine his rare and unique collection of articles of vertu, a collection equalled by few and surpassed by none in this vicinity.

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10 Sociable, companionable and interesting, his genial presence and valuable counsel were appreciated and enjoyed by us who were so closely drawn to him by professional interests and familiar intercourse. His absence from our circle creates a vacancy which cannot be filled, but the memory of his life will abide.

Alfred Stone.

Prescott O. Clarke.

Committee.

It was voted, that the Memorial to our late companion, Edward Irving Nickerson, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, who deceased on Sunday, March 15th, 1908, be entered upon the records and a copy be sent to his daughter, as an expression of our sympathy for the great loss which has befallen her.

Norman M. Shaw.

Secretary, P. J. Chapter, A. I. A.